

Angling Lines by John Larouche

THE first round of the Mid Sussex Winter League for teams of six was fished on the River Adur at Henfield, where champions Haywards Heath Blues got off to a good start winning with 35 out of 42 points.

Seaford were runners up with 32pts, followed by Horsted Keynes Reds 25, Hassocks Blues 24, Hassocks Greens 20, Haywards Heath Greens 19 and Horsted Keynes Blues 11. Seaford provided the winner in Greg Robson with 15lbs 4oz and he was followed by Nick Hart (HH Blues) 10lbs 4oz, Paul Gibson 7lbs 8oz and **Bob Pluckrose** (Hassocks Blues) 7lbs 4oz.

Once again big weights were had when Haywards Heath had a midweek match at Sumners Fishery, Barns Green. There were 24 taking part with mainly carp, the best being 16lbs, for a total of 1,139lbs 5oz.

Roland Smith made it two wins on the trot at this venue with 180lbs. Second was Ron Nichol 144lbs 14oz and third junior David Botting 123lbs 3oz.

Haywards Heath's Golden Oldies match at Valebridge millpond was contested by 13 members, with Ray Fisher winning with 11lbs 12oz of mainly rudd, skimmers and roach. Second was Roger Bulman with 9lbs 11oz followed by Ken Penny 9lbs 6oz and Clive Hyder 8lbs 5¼oz.

After losing the first leg of their two-leg match with Horsted Keynes, Heath had to make up a deficit of 15lbs in the home leg at Valebridge. They did this comfortably, weighing in 107lbs 3oz to the visitors' 53lbs 14oz. Overall Heath won 234lbs 13oz to 196lbs 14oz.

Top four individuals were all from Heath. Dave Franks included a carp of 8lbs 13oz and lost two others in his return of 24lbs 2oz, all caught on the long pole. Paul Gibson was next with 21lbs 6oz followed by Norman Cragg 16lbs 14oz and Simon Ellis 13lbs 1oz.

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